

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 13, 2003**

**PRESENT:** THOMAS C. REYNOLDS JR, CHAIRMAN; DOUGLAS R. COOK, Co CHAIRMAN; BRIAN MCDONALD, SELECTMAN.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR:** ROBERT CHRISTENSEN  
**RECORDING SECRETARY:** KELLY BUMPUS

**GUEST:** Carl Knapp, Gene Bilodeau, Matt Pelletier, Gordon Brown, Betty Straw.

The Selectmen's Meeting was held at the Town Office Building. Chairman Reynolds commenced the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Reynolds asked that everyone stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Gene Bilodeau – Mr. Bilodeau stated that the Finance Committee needs more members. Mr. Bilodeau requested anyone interested in joining the Finance Committee contact Mr. Neil Kurk at 529-7253.

**2. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Reynolds moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Nonpublic Session at 6:38 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Seconded by Selectman Cook. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman McDonald – yes; Chairman Reynolds – yes; Selectman Cook – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In Attendance: Chairman Reynolds, Selectman Cook, Selectman McDonald, Ms. Tina Morrison, Robert Christensen.

The Board reviewed and discussed the employee evaluation for Ms. Tina Morrison.

Chairman Reynolds moved to come out of Nonpublic Session at 6:53 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Cook. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman McDonald – yes; Chairman Reynolds – yes; Selectman Cook – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### *Safety Complex –*

Selectman Cook stated that some adjustments have been made to the wall colors for the safety complex as decided by the Chiefs.

#### *Chase Park –*

Selectman Cook informed the Board that he has received some requests for Chase Park to be open when the lake is frozen for ice fishing, skating, and winter activities. Selectman McDonald stated that he will discuss this with Parks and Recreation.

#### *Signs for Fire Hydrants and Cisterns –*

Selectman Cook asked Mr. Christensen for the status of no parking signs for fire hydrants and cisterns. Mr. Christensen stated that he will address it at the next staff meeting.

#### *Bullet-Proof Glass –*

Selectman Cook stated that in the past the Town spent a considerable amount of money for bullet-proof glass for the Town Clerk. He stated that it did not work out, so it was removed. Selectman Cook stated that he would like to know what happened to the glass, because it is now needed for the Safety Complex. Mr. Christensen stated that he will ask around and try to locate the glass.

#### *Horace Lake Boat Ramp –*

Selectman Cook stated that he continues to receive favorable comments concerning the closing of the boat ramp.

#### *DRA Meeting –*

Chairman Reynolds stated that they are waiting for the MS 5 and the school audit to be completed. He stated that this is holding up the appointment for DRA. Chairman Reynolds stated they may not be able to get a date until November.

#### **4. NONPUBLIC SESSION**

Chairman Reynolds moved that the Board of Selectmen enter into Nonpublic Session at 7:10 p.m. pursuant to the authority granted in RSA 91-A:3 II (a). Seconded by Selectman Cook. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman McDonald – yes; Chairman Reynolds – yes; Selectman Cook – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

In Attendance: Chairman Reynolds, Selectman Cook, Selectman McDonald, Mr. Everett Stone, Robert Christensen.

The Board reviewed and discussed the employee evaluation for Mr. Everett Stone.

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to come out of Nonpublic Session at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Selectman Cook. A roll call vote was taken. Selectman McDonald – yes; Chairman Reynolds – yes; Selectman Cook – yes. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **5. 6 MT. WILLIAM POND ROAD DISCUSSION – Gordon Brown**

Mr. Brown met with the Board to discuss a portion of property being relinquished to him. Mr. Brown stated that he is willing to maintain the property and no town plowing will be necessary. Mr. Brown stated that he would like to purchase the portion of land from the Town. Mr. Brown stated that he is having a problem with people traveling up the road and not having anywhere to go due to the road having no outlet. Mr. Brown stated that he is aware this needs to be voted on by the Town. Mr. Carl Knapp stated that he has no problem with the change of ownership. Selectman Cook stated he has no problem relinquishing the land as long as it is done the correct way and surveyed at Mr. Brown's expense. Mr. Knapp stated that it will entail a lot line adjustment. Mr. Brown gave the Board a warrant article to be put on the Town ballot. Mr. Knapp stated he would prefer that they mark the portion of property with a map and lot number for clarification.

#### **6. PUBLIC WORKS**

Mr. Knapp discussed the bridge work to be done in Town. Mr. Knapp stated they have received confirmation of funding from the State for Woodbury and Abijah Bridge. Mr. Knapp stated that the State will not pay for any portion of the covering of Woodbury Bridge. Selectman Cook asked Mr. Knapp if he has any idea of what the cost would be for the Town? Mr. Knapp stated he does not have any figures at this time. The Board agreed that they are not comfortable with the cost to the Town for covering the bridge. Mr. Knapp then requested the Board sign the applications for the next two bridges to be repaired. Selectman Cook made a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the bridge applications for State aid. Seconded by Chairman Reynolds. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

#### **7. CLINTON GROVE ACADEMY – REGISTRY OF HISTORIC PLACES – Betty Straw**

Ms. Straw presented the Board with research completed by the Historical Society for Clinton Grove Academy. The Board reviewed the information. Ms. Straw stated that the research was done in order to enter it into the State Registry of Historic Places. Selectman McDonald commended the Historical Society on their work regarding this project. Ms. Straw also announced that the Historical Society has put out a calendar for 2004 with old pictures of Weare. Ms. Straw stated that the calendar is now available and should be in area stores.

#### **8. DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF COLA**

The Board discussed the option of a cost of living increase for employees. Selectman McDonald stated that he is in favor of a cost of living increase because due to the high increase in health insurance rates, the Town may have to deduct a portion of insurance costs from the employees in the future. Chairman Reynolds stated that he is not in favor of a cost of living increase, and would rather see the Town continue to pay health insurance 100%. The Board discussed the option of having a cost of living increase and capping it at a certain amount. Chairman Reynolds stated that all the employee reviews should be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup>, and they will have their final numbers and make a determination at that time.

#### **9. BUDGET FORMATION DISCUSSION**

Chairman Reynolds discussed the format for budget discussions. Chairman Reynolds stated that last year only the large departments came in to discuss their budgets with the Board. Selectmen Cook stated that if they have any questions regarding a particular budget, they can request the Department Head attend the discussion. Chairman Reynolds stated that the Board will look over a couple of budgets each meeting.

Selectman McDonald suggested the option of removing insurance costs from each department's budget. Mr. Carl Knapp stated that this would not show a true reflection of the cost to run the department. Selectman Cook stated that in the past, insurance was not part of each individual's budget, and was recently added in to reflect the true cost of business for each department.

## **10. NEW BUSINESS**

### *Food Pantry –*

Selectman Cook stated there has been a request from public welfare for a food pantry in Town. The Board discussed using space downstairs in the Town Office Building for a food pantry when the Police Department move to the new Safety Complex. Selectman McDonald suggested sending letters out to local supermarkets for donations. Selectman Cook suggested making announcements on the cable channel.

### *Weare Health and Safety Fair and Flu Shot Clinic –*

Chairman Reynolds wanted to make the public aware of the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Health and Safety Fair and flu shot clinic. Chairman Reynolds stated that the fair will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Center Woods Elementary School.

### *Stone Building –*

Mr. Christensen discussed the work to be done to the Stone Building. Mr. Christensen requested the Board authorize Conservation of Painting company to perform painting to be covered by insurance. Chairman Reynolds made a motion to accept the quote of \$500.00 from Conservation of Painting subject to references. Seconded by Selectman McDonald. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

## **11. DISCUSSION OF RSA:32A:6(a) CHANGE HB639**

The Board discussed the change to RSA:32A:6(a) involving State grants. Selectman Cook stated that the change has no relevance to anything currently going on in Town. Selectman Cook stated that it is his understanding that this change effects changes in funding to grants already approved and in progress and notifying the Town of the change. Selectman McDonald stated that he also understands this to be the meaning of the change.

### Transfer Station –

Selectman Cook stated that he would like to make Mr. Carl Knapp and the Board aware that his wife mistakenly took cardboard and tires from his business in New Boston to the Weare Transfer Station. Selectman Cook stated that there was no problem at the Transfer Station, but normally he takes the trash from his business to New Boston. Selectman Cook stated that this was a misunderstanding and will not happen again.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Reynolds made a motion to adjourn at 9:08 p.m. Seconded by Selectman McDonald. A vote was taken. Motion passed unanimously.

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Kelly Bumpus, Recording Secretary